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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

8:00am Divine Service

Welcome and Announcements

✠ ORDER OF SERVICE ✠

Divine Service Setting Three

Opening Hymn:	<i>LSB 533</i>
“Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”	
The Invocation	<i>LSB 184</i>
The Order of Baptism	<i>LSB 268</i>
Salutation and Collect of the Day	<i>LSB 189</i>

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading *Acts 8:26-40*

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter

and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?”

³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Gradual

adapt. From Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle

1 John 4:1-11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and

whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 190*

Holy Gospel *John 15:1-8*

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Hymn of the Day: *LSB 728*

“How Firm a Foundation”

Sermon: Numbers 6:24-26

“Goodbye!”

Offertory and Offering *LSB 192*

Reception of New Members

Prayer of the Church *LSB 193*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface *LSB 194*

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Lord's Prayer	<i>LSB 196</i>
Words of Institution	<i>LSB 197</i>
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Distribution Hymn:	<i>LSB 680</i>
"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"	
Distribution Hymn:	<i>LSB 648</i>
"Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"	
The Return of the Tools of Ministry	
Salutation and Benedicamus	<i>LSB 201</i>
Benediction	<i>LSB 202</i>
Closing Hymn:	<i>LSB 922</i>
"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"	

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WELCOME TO St. Paul's Lutheran Church: We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you would sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home and are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, or if you are interested in becoming a member here at St. Paul's, please contact the church office.

The Sacrament of the Altar: In bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, our Lord Jesus comes to us in His true Body & Blood. In this Holy Meal, one receives full forgiveness and perfect unity with each other. Scripture requires that each communicant first examine himself/herself regarding confession of sin, trust in Jesus for salvation, belief in the Real Presence, and the desire to grow in grace. We believe that Communion is a time when believers of like mind come close to the Lord and to one another. We do practice 'close' Communion, which means that all communicants believe as we do, and graciously receive this gift. If you are supportive of these beliefs, we welcome you to the Lord's Supper.

If, however, at this point you are unsure of your relationship with Christ or question whether your beliefs differ from those of our church, we ask that you use the communion time to meditate and pray. For these reasons, it's best for our new (first time) guests/visitors to talk briefly before the service with the pastor or an elder. A cup with white grape juice is located in the center of the communion tray for those who are allergic to alcohol. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: We pray for ...

- In the wisdom of Almighty God Alice Riggert was delivered from this veil of tears to the nearer presence of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Alice's funeral will be Saturday, May 5 here at St. Paul's.
- We rejoice with Travus & Kaylie Snyder at the baptism of their daughter Kimberlyn Mae Snyder and their son Kyler Michael Snyder.
- We welcome Alexander and Samantha Aldag as members of St. Paul's.
- We rejoice with Tiffanie Street at the baptism of her son Noah Isaac Johnson.
- We celebrate with Travus & Kaylie Snyder in honor of their 1st Wedding Anniversary, April 29th.
- Jim Engle (friend of Ken & Carla Loemker), Brad Long, Pat Nave, Pete Oestreich, Naomi Spielman, Sam Wallman
- School Families: Carol Wilson, Justin & Kelsy Wollenburg, Jian Mei Zheng & Jin Mao Zhu
- Continuing Prayers: Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Leonard Esch, Marie Kitt, Keith Krecklow, Dan Leseberg (father of Jessica Leseberg), Norma Lohse, June Martin, Bonnie Oestrich, Marjorie Rogge, Deb Scheideler (daughter-in-law of Bob & Darlene Scheideler), Kenneth Smock (father of Brad Long), Amy Wrightsman (friend of Marilyn Keilig), Ann Kelley, and our many shut-ins.

Please call 402-228-1540by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

In His Service

Preacher: Rev. Dr. J. Dirk Reek

Organist: Arvid Wiest

Acolytes: Logan Glynn, Faith Kelley, Dawson Loomis

Elders: Ron Buss, Ken Loemker

Greeters: Vaughn & Tina Wright

Ushers: Larry Huls, Steve Norton, Larry Weishahn, Lyndon Wiegand

Today's radio broadcast and bulletin are sponsored by Frieda Sohl in honor of her 102nd Birthday, which was March 28th.

BAPTISM: Kimberlyn Mae Snyder, daughter of Travus & Kaylie Snyder will be baptized in our 8:00am service today. Her sponsors are Bryan & Jenna Riesen, Taylor Curry, and Kristin Vossler.

BAPTISM: Kyler Michael Snyder, son of Travus & Kaylie Snyder will be baptized in our 8:00am service today. His sponsors are Tyler & Crystal Snyder, Tierra Snyder, and Rachel Riesen.

NEW MEMBERS: During the 8:00am service we welcome Alexander & Samantha Aldag into membership at St. Paul's.

BAPTISM: Noah Isaac Johnson, son of Tiffanie Street will be baptized in our 8:00am service today. His sponsors are Brandy Scheer and Lindsay Matthews.

BUSY BAGS for your child to use and return are available in the Narthex (entryway) of the church. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or greeter.

CHURCH USAGE POLICY: All requests to use the church for a meeting or activity (i.e. – the fellowship hall for a baby shower or a meeting, etc.) must be approved by the church office. If you would like to reserve the church, contact the church office. If your request is approved, Kelly will confirm with you the date is available. If your request is not received by the church office prior to scheduling your event you may not be able to hold your event.

LYF: Interested in what activities are coming up. Please make sure you check the Youth Bulletin Board in the narthex.

AMAZON SMILE: Doing any online shopping? Log on to smile.amazon.com and set St. Paul's Lutheran Church as your

organization, and a portion of the sales will be donated to St. Paul's. This is a free, easy way to support our school. When searching for our organization it needs to read SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH in order to find it. SAINT does need to be spelled out.

DORCAS BOUTIQUE: Just a reminder: The Card Boutique has a large variety of lovely greeting cards. It is in the fellowship hall. Stop by on Sunday's between services or during the week days the church office will assist you. Single cards can be purchased for \$0.60 and a box of cards sells for \$6.00.

SERMONS: Did you know that many of our sermons from the past year are available on our website? Visit <http://stpaulbeatrice.org/sermon/> to browse the archive. More sermons as well as full services and other special event recordings are coming soon!

LADIES: You are invited to attend the annual Mother/Daughter Salad Supper sponsored by the LWML on Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:30pm in the church basement. Come for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Join us as we take a look at ***“YOUR PURSE-ONAL JOURNEY”***. If you'd like, come dressed classy with your fancy purse. A photo booth will be available for those attending to remember this special evening. Freewill donations from the photo booth will be given to St. Paul's LWML Missionaries for 2018 – Rev. Stu & Deb Freese. Entertainment will be provided by the “Seniorettes”. Bring a friend and a salad to share.

A CHALLENGE: There are a number of members of St. Paul's that we have not seen in church for some time. St. Paul's challenges each one of you to take a look through our church directory and find at least one brother or sister in Christ to reach out to them and let them know you care about them and to encourage them to come and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ.

RECOGNITION OF AN INDIVIDUAL: Our church and school have numerous volunteers and leaders that contribute to our organizations. The Stewardship Committee is offering an opportunity to recognize these individuals. This recognition will come from each of you as you have the opportunity to nominate someone to be recognized. This recognition will be listed in the monthly newsletter. How do you nominate? There is a colorful box in the narthex with nomination forms beside it. Simply fill out the form and drop it in the box. This will be an ongoing project, and you are welcome to nominate numerous times. Thank you!!

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE DIRECTOR: St. Paul's Board for Parish Education is seeking candidates to fill the position of Child Care Director at St. Paul's Lutheran School. This would be a full time, salaried position on the ministry team at St. Paul's. If you or someone you know would be interested in applying, please have them send their resume to Mrs. Duever at St. Paul's Lutheran School. They can also contact Mrs. Duever by phone: 402-223-3414 or email: aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org with any questions.

THANK YOU to those who have volunteered to host coffee times following first service! We feel so blessed to have had such a wonderful response! Signup sheets are on the bulletin board by the kitchen window. Remember, coffee, cups and other supplies are provided, you just provide and serve the treats and coffee.

Do you need a prayer? If you would like a prayer for you at church, please call the church office or contact Pastor Reek by Thursday to be included in the bulletin. Please do this once you know that you need prayers, especially if you will be having medical procedures and will be in the hospital. The hospitals do not contact the church if you are having surgery or are hospitalized. Please leave your name and number when contacting the church office, so we can return your call.

TACO JOHN'S NIGHT: Monday, May 14th will be St. Paul's night out at Taco John's! From 5:00-8:0pm Taco John's will donate 15% of their proceeds from dine in and drive thru sales to St. Paul's Lutheran School. Please mark your calendars and come eat out with our church and school family!

ST. PAUL'S FIELD DAY: The St. Paul's Field Day is Friday, May 4 for Grades K-5 from 10:00 to 2:30. A lunch break will be taken at 12:00 noon. The PTL will serve concessions and lunch from the school kitchen. **Congregation members** are encouraged to come watch the athletes from area Christian schools compete and HELP in running events or in concessions! (That gives parents the opportunity to watch their child compete!) If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the school office.

WELCOME: Rev. Robert Wiest of Lincoln, Nebraska will be serving St. Paul's as our vacancy pastor. Hours that Pastor Wiest will be in the church office will be printed in the bulletin next Sunday. Anyone needing/wishing to visit personally with pastor, please contact the church office. Pastor Wiest can also be reached at revmeisterorlcs@gmail.com.

FAREWELLS FOR PASTOR REEK: Pastor Reek's last Sunday with us as our Intentional Interim Pastor will be Sunday, April 29. We will have two opportunities for congregation members to thank him for his service and work among us. The Elders will host a short reception following the 8:00 service in the church fellowship hall. The Church Council will host a potluck at the school following the 10:30 worship service being held there. Everyone is encouraged to attend one or both of these times of thankfulness and recognition for Pastor Reek. A basket will be available for cards of thanks at both places. Table service and drinks will be provided at the potluck. Please bring food to share.

VBS: St. Paul's Vacation Bible School has been set for the week of July 9th-13th. It will be held in the evenings that week.

Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

29	Brock Ankersen	3	Carley Jones
30	Samuel Busboom		Ava Rix
	Lee Hahn	4	Carline Mencl
	Jeremiah Klaus		Marissa Sandman
	Cassandra Knoop		Sydney Southwick
1	James Boyer	5	Azlyn Carpenter
	Dale Hagemeyer		Kody Crosier
	Andrew Venneman		Dolores Kadlec
	Larry Vetrovsky		James Nedrow
2	Shannon Benash		
	Randy Roberts		

Anniversaries:

30	James & Rose Pittman, 24 yrs.
1	Nicholas & Lacey Jurgens, 9 yrs.
3	Kenneth & Dawn Crosier, 33 yrs.
5	Harlan & Iris Hintz, 44 yrs.
	Gary & Joyce Swanson, 43 yrs.

Congregational Informational Meeting

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Meeting at 6:30pm in the church
basement



The purpose of this meeting is to
inform the congregation on proposed
changes to the Constitution & Bylaws
of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Congregational Informational Meeting & Special Voter's Meeting

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Meeting at 1:30pm in the church basement

The purpose of this meeting is to continue the discussion
and answer questions on proposed changes to the
Constitution & Bylaws of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
Upon completion of the informational meeting a Special
Voters' Meeting will convene to vote for approval to send
these documents to the Constitutional Committee for
review.

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